Urban and Homeowner Soil Sample Information Form

Please submit this completed form and payment with samples. Mark each sample bag with your sample identification and ensure that it corresponds with the sample identification written on this form. *See sampling and mailing instructions on the back of this form. (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

**SAMPLE INFORMATION (Required)**

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<th>Laboratory # For Lab Use</th>
<th>My Sample ID</th>
<th>Square feet of sampled area</th>
<th>Last Time Fertilized</th>
<th>I previously used fertilizers/organics</th>
<th>I am growing (see page 2*)</th>
<th>Requested Analyses</th>
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<td>Example</td>
<td>Front Yard</td>
<td>2000</td>
<td>5/30/14</td>
<td>5 lbs 21-0-5 per 1000 sqft</td>
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Payment (DO NOT SEND CASH)
- □ Check/ Money Order (keep your M.O. receipt)
- □ Make Checks Payable: Soil Testing Laboratory
- □ Prepayment on Aggie Marketplace Payment
- □ Order Number__ $ amount ___

Samples will not be processed if payment is not received.

*A $3.00 mail fee will be charged for all invoice and sample results mailed via USPS. Results and invoice can be emailed in PDF form for free.

Please email the laboratory at soiltesting@ag.tamu.edu to confirm email address. These emails are logged, but no automated response should be expected. Bounced emailed reports will incur an additional $3 mailing fee, to be paid prior to postal mailing.

Pricing valid until 12-31-2023.
The latest form can be downloaded at the laboratory’s website: soiltesting.tamu.edu

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1. Routine Analysis (R) $12 per sample
   (pH, NO₃-N, P, K, Ca, Mg, Na, S and Conductivity)
   (This test is a base test for basic fertilizer recommendations.)

2. R + Micronutrients (Micro) $19 per sample
   (Adds Zn, Fe, Cu, and Mn to test 1.)

3. R + Micro + Boron (B) $26 per sample
   (Includes Test 1 plus micronutrients and boron)

4. R + Micro + B + Organic Matter (OM) $46 per sample
   (Includes Test 1 plus micronutrient, boron and organic matter analysis)

5. R + Micro + B + OM + Texture Analyses (TEX) $66 per sample
   (Includes Test 1 plus micronutrient, boron, organic matter and textural analysis)

6. R + OM $32 per sample
   (Includes Test 1 plus organic matter analysis)

7. R + TEX (determines % sand, silt, and clay) $32 per sample
   (Includes Test 1 plus textural analysis)

8. R + OM+ TEX $52 per sample
   (Includes Test 1 plus organic matter and Textural Analyses)

9. R + Detailed Salinity (SAL) $37 per sample
   (Includes Test 1 plus detailed salinity analysis)
   (Recommended for individuals using lower quality irrigation water.)

10. R + Micro + B + SAL $51 per sample
    (Includes Test 1 plus micronutrient, boron and detailed salinity analyses)

11. R + Micro + B + OM + SAL $71 per sample
    (Includes Test 1 plus micronutrient, Boron, organic matter and detail salinity analyses)

12. R + Micro + B + OM + SAL + TEX $91 per sample
    (Includes Test 1 plus micronutrient, boron, organic matter, detailed salinity and textural analysis and provides the most comprehensive data needed for troubleshooting most plant/soil growing issues (does not address pathogen, pesticide or hydrocarbon issues)).
TAKING A SOIL SAMPLE FOR FERTILIZER RECOMMENDATIONS

Where to sample

• A soil sample should represent a given area of your lawn or garden that is treated or used similarly (for example, front yard, back yard, planting bed, garden and etc.).
• Sample areas separately if you observe distinct differences in slope, soil texture (for example sandy areas verses clayey) or water drainage.
• The laboratory does not provide analyses for heavy metals, microbial communities, pesticides or other non-traditional plant-nutrient management uses.

Collecting a soil sample

• Using a trowel or similar tool, scrape away any non-decomposed plant tissue and materials.
• Next, cut a core or divot 6 inches deep into the soil and place soil in a clean plastic container. Repeat this step 8 to 10 times in the lawn or garden which is being considered for testing.
• Mix all collected soil thoroughly, removing any roots or other visible plant materials and place 2-3 cups of soil in a quart-sized re-sealable heavy gauge plastic bag. Air-dry soil if sample feels wet to the touch.
• Label the bag with a permanent marker, clearly identifying each bag with a simple sample ID matching those used on the front side of this.

Mailing your soil sample

• Complete the information form on the front page (this information is required for you to receive fertilizer recommendations that are based on your soil test results). Incomplete information (e.g., lack of name, address, crop information and etc.) may result in delay of testing or receipt of results.

• Payment must be included with samples or prepaid on Aggie Marketplace, Do Not Send Cash. Go to the laboratory website for easy access to the Aggie Marketplace payment option. Please note that the price is per sample.
• Place the plastic sample bag, completed submittal form, and your check or money order for the appropriate fees in a box or padded envelope and send to: United States Postal Service Other Couriers (FedEx, UPS and etc.). Using the wrong address for your shipping type will result in extended delays in receipt and analyses.

United State Postal Service:
Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory
2478 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2478

All other couriers (FedEx, UPS and etc.):
Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory
2610 F&B Road
College Station, TX 77845
(979) 845-4816

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